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Back To School Means School Zone and School Bus Awareness

The Beaverton Police Department wants to remind the motoring public, school starts on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. With the start of school comes the need to be reminded about speeds in school zones and stopping for school busses. During this first week of school the Beaverton Police Departments Traffic Safety Unit will have enhanced patrols at school zones and school bus stop locations.

Please remember that all school zones are marked with signs and lights. The speed limit in a school zone is 20 MPH in accordance with the posted signs. The best rule of thumb would be to slow when approaching any school in preparation of the posted school zone speed. Children do not always pay attention to traffic and may step into traffic. Because of this it is up to the drivers to pay attention and reduce speeds in the school zones.

Oregon law requires motorists to stop for a school bus that is stopped, displaying red lights and stop sign. Unless there is a physical divider that children could not cross, motorists are required to stop in both directions and stay stopped until the lights have been turned off.

The Beaverton Police Department believes that the safety of our children is of the utmost importance. Because of this belief the Traffic Safety Unit will continue to focus on the education and enforcement of the school zone and school bus laws throughout the school year.

Stay focused on the safe operation of your motor vehicle and aware of your surroundings. If you do this, you will make it safely to your destination and the children will make it to school safely.

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